



Meeting Agenda

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Project Title: Stibnite Gold Project
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Purpose of Meeting: ESA Informal Consultation Meeting, Fish **Date:** September 10, 2019
Meeting Location: BC Boise **Time:** 9 a.m.
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Represented Organizations¹: USFS, USFWS, NOAA, OER, IDFG, Shoshone and Nez Perce Tribes, Midas Gold, AECOM, Ecosystem Sciences, Brown and Caldwell, BioAnalysts

Consultation Meeting Goals and Objectives

To work collaboratively as a group to develop a sound and defensible biological assessment, based on best scientifically and commercially available data, that meets the needs of the U.S. Forest Service, the NOAA Fisheries, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and United States Army Corps of Engineers to timely complete the formal Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 consultation process for the Stibnite Gold Project.

1. Clarify which Endangered Species Act listed, proposed, and candidate species and designated or proposed critical habitats are in an agreed-upon action area (Completed);
2. Determine what effect the federal action may have on these species or critical habitats and explore and agree upon the analysis necessary to support the development of the biological assessment;
3. Explore ways to modify the action to reduce or remove adverse effects to the species or critical habitats;
4. Explore the design or modification of an action to benefit the species and coordinate on their inclusion in the biological assessment; and
5. Discuss and seek concurrence on the content and organization of the biological assessment.

Proposed Agenda

1. Stream Diversions, and Fish Salvage/Transplantation (90 min)– Objectives 2-4

Intent: To discuss outline of proposed methods of stream diversion and fish salvage and obtain feedback from the group

- Present overview of fish periodicity and density estimates for proposed stream diversion reaches
- Discuss proposed methods for fish salvage and transplantation
- Discuss recommendations of where different species (and life stages) will be transplanted

¹ Actual attendees from each organization will be captured in meeting minutes.

2. FMP Protective Measures for Blasting (30 min) – Objectives 2-4

Intent: To provide an overview the avoidance and minimization measures for blasting

- Present blasting buffer distance calculations and map of potential blasting impact avoidance area
- Describe avoidance measures for different circumstances (i.e., pits, stream crossings)

3. Debrief on Potential Fish Barriers September 4-5, 2019 Site Visit (60 min.) – Objective 2 and 3

Intent: To discuss highlights from the field tour.

- Review results of September 4-5, 2019 Site Visit
- Discuss potential fish passage barriers so that any questions related to the results of the Evaluation of Upper EFSFSR Fish Passage Barriers TM (BioAnalysts 2019) can be resolved.

4. Stream Design Performance Criteria (30 min) – Objectives 3 and 4

Intent: To present performance criteria for monitoring restoration success

- Present design performance criteria and how they will be measured

5. FOMP Adaptive Management Criteria (60 min) – Objectives 3 and 4

Intent: To provide an overview of the adaptive management approach for the FOMP

- Present performance criteria outlined in the draft FOMP
- Discuss the adaptive management strategy during monitoring

6. Modeling Update of Addition of YPP-like Feature (30 min.) – Objectives 3 and 4

Intent: Provide temperature modeling update for PRO and Mod PRO by adding a YPP-like feature to the system

- Provide overview and purpose of adding the additional YPP-like feature
- Present draft modeling results

7. Future Meeting Items Discussion (15 min.)

Intent: Identify topics for future meetings

8. Review Past and Current Action Items (15 min.)

Intent: To get status of actions by each group and discuss if any changes needed to each action item